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RE: Use of Parking Structures for Special Events and
Temporary Reclassification of Occupancy for Other Structures

To Whom It May Concern:

In an effort to provide guidance to our customers, the Clark County Fire Department and the Clark County Development Services Department, Building Division, are issuing this joint correspondence. Recently the Clark County Fire Department and the Building Division of Clark County Development Services have been inundated with numerous requests to allow open parking garages to be used as a venue for temporary assembly events. We certainly appreciate the reasoning associated with proposals requesting permission to utilize parking structures to house special events. Unfortunately, code (International Building and Uniform Fire Codes) restrictions and safety concerns preclude us from being able to approve open parking garages for assembly use.

Allowing the requested use would necessitate a temporary reclassification of the occupancy type. Reclassification of use or occupancy is not a simple matter, nor is there a mechanism in place that would allow temporary use of a parking structure as a place of assembly. Neither the Building Official, nor Fire Chief, has the ability to simply permit this type of change in use. Major challenges that would need to be addressed include inadequate exit widths, lack of rated separations (wall/deck) between the garage and any proposed assembly use, absence of fire sprinkler systems and limitations in the structural integrity of any deck being used for assembly purposes. These criteria are not readily achieved within an existing parking structure.

The restrictions identified within this document also apply to any other occupancy whereby a temporary reclassification of occupancy is requested. Compliance with all fire and building code requirements would be necessary in order for our offices to consider approval of such a request. Again, just because a request is for a temporary use, it does not lessen the necessity to provide all of the code mandated safety provisions. Obviously these requirements vary based on use and occupancy, as such you would need to contact both the fire and building officials in order to obtain the specific restrictions affiliated with any request for a change in use or occupancy.

If you have further questions or concerns, please contact either the Clark County Fire Department at 455-7316 or the Building Division of Clark County Development Services at 455-3000.

Respectfully,

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